

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please insert the following paragraph on page 2, between lines 20 and 22:**

A further example of a known solution is given by EP 0 841 016, wherein a method for assembling a footwear to a frame is disclosed: the footwear is composed by a first sub-assembly constituted by a soft upper mounted on an inner sole, and by a rigid shell to which the first sub-assembly is attached. The rigid shell is provided with a heel counter and a pair of lateral wings adapted to support a pivotable cuff.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 2, line 22, to line 28, as follows:**

In order to be able to ensure that the upper be firmly kept, the base or the rigid outsole of the skate boots according to the state of the art, as defined by the ~~two~~ above-cited prior documents, must be provided with containment elements in order to limit the movement possibilities for the upper; such containment elements, which are substantially in the shape of a shell or a peripheral wall, are positioned in correspondence of the heel and, possibly, the toe.